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	Requirements for Third Party Liability Identifying Liable Resources

Frequency:

> The Medicaid agency conducts SWICA wage and earnings matches upon application and on a quarterly basis. TPL follow-up is conducted on the results of the quarterly match. The SSA (BEERS) match is conducted upon application and once a year (during the fourth quarter of Federal fiscal year) thereafter. TPL follow-up is conducted on the results of all BEERS matches.

The Department of SRS includes the IV-A agency as well as the Medicaid agency and the third party recovery unit. The eligibility case information and third party data are resident in the system and accessible to all programs.

The Medicaid agency uses an application/redetermination form containing comprehensive TPL questions which is completed at each application/redetermination by all Medicaid recipients except SSI cash recipients. SSI recipients are required to complete a health insurance questionnaire under an agreement between the Department of SRS and the Social Security Administration. Within 60 days of identification of third parties, data is incorporated into the eligibility case file, third party data base and third party recovery unit.

No data match is conducted with State Workers' Compensation files.

No data match is conducted with State Motor Vehicle Department.

The Medicaid Management Information System conducts Diagnosis and Trauma Code edits against all services billed on a HCFA-1500 or UB-82 claim form, for all diagnosis codes in the 800 or 900 series, at the time the claim is processed. Reports are generated from weekly pay cycles.

Follow-up:

The Medicaid agency follows up on SWICA and SSA wage and earnings matches, within 30 days. on a priority basis, beginning with those recipients whose most recently reported quarter of earnings exceed the current federal minimum wage times 520 hours. Contact is made with the recipient, the employer or both as necessary. If a third party source is identified, the information is incorporated into the eligibility case file, third party database and third party recovery unit within 30 days of discovery.

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No data match is conducted with Worker's Compensation.

No data match is conducted with State Motor Vehicle accident report files.

On an annual basis, diagnosis and trauma codes are identified, which yield the highest third party collections, thus providing priority order in which claims are followed up. All other claims for which no previous TPL has been identified, are arrayed in order of dollar amount. Cost effective review and follow-up efforts are conducted by prioritization of highest dollar and/or highest cumulative dollars. Questionnaires are then sent to the recipient. The agency follows up on the responses and incorporates the findings into the TPL recovery unit files, the third party database and the eligibility [case file within 60 days of receipt of the response.]